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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
1)	5,321,283	June 14, 1994	Cogan et al.
2)	5,854,503	December 29, 1998	Hsueh et al.
3)	5,994,765	November 30, 1999	Mitra et al.

A PTO form 1449 listing these documents is enclosed.

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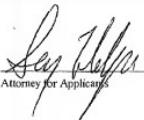
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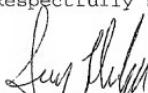
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